



**DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES PLANNING COUNCIL
LEGISLATIVE STANDING COMMITTEE
DRAFT MINUTES**

April 29, 2010

1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Developmental Disabilities Planning Council
3839 North 3rd Street, Suite 306
Phoenix, Arizona 85012

A standing committee meeting of the Developmental Disabilities Planning Council (DDPC) was convened on April 29, 2010 at the DDPC, 3839 North 3rd Street, Suite 306, Phoenix, Arizona 850012. Notice having been duly given. Present and absent were the following members of the DDPC.

Members Present

Leslie Cohen, Chair, Teleconference Charles Ryan

Monica Cooper Elmer Saufkie, Teleconference
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Staff/Guests Present	Members Absent
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Larry Clausen, Executive Director Roberta Blyth Marcella Crane
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A. Call to Order

Leslie Cohen welcomed everyone to the Developmental Disabilities Planning Council (DDPC or Council) Legislative Standing Committee meeting. The meeting was called to order at 1:34 pm.

B. Legislative Liaison

Larry Clausen, Executive Director for the DDPC reviewed information regarding legislative practices and positions of other State Councils on Developmental Disabilities as requested in the March 19, 2010 Legislative Committee Meeting.

The following options were presented to the Committee to consider:

- Assign legislative tasks to existing FTE (currently the Council employs four FTE)
- Include legislative/public policy functions within future Requests for Proposals (RFPs)
- Create part time (0.5 or 0.75 FTE) public policy position
- Explore existing state contracts for legislative issues

A motion was made by Leslie Cohen to table the assessment of the need for a legislative position until the next session. Motion seconded by Monica Cooper. Motion carried.

C. Legislative Talking Points

Larry Clausen, Executive Director for the DDPC reviewed information regarding legislative changes in Arizona that will either directly or indirectly effect individuals with developmental disabilities and their families.

A motion was made by Monica Cooper to approve the Legislative Talking Points to be posted on the DDPC website. Motioned was seconded by Charles Ryan. Motion carried.

D. Legislative Research

Larry Clausen, Executive Director for the DDPC reviewed best practices and suggested actions collected from other State Councils on Developmental Disabilities.

A motion was made by Leslie Cohen to register the Developmental Disabilities Planning Council as a lobbying organization with the Arizona Secretary of State's Office, with Larry Clausen acting as the primary lobbyist. Motion seconded by Charles Ryan. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Leslie Cohen to adopt the Best Practices document to be used as a blueprint for actions in the next year. Motion seconded by Monica Cooper. Motion carried.

E. Committee Membership

Leslie Cohen discussed the need to add additional members to the Legislative Standing Committee. Larry Clausen stated that the newest appointment to the DDPC would be assigned to the Legislative Standing Committee, and that individual should begin with the Council by the May 21, 2010 full Council Meeting. Larry Clausen will discuss options for obtaining more members for the Committee with Chairman Tully.

F. Business Updates and News

Larry Clausen mentioned that the newly amended draft Bylaws approved by the Administrative Planning Committee propose changing the name of the Legislative Standing Committee to Public Policy Standing Committee. The draft Bylaws will be reviewed and approved by the full Council at the May 21, 2010 meeting.

G. Future Meeting Agenda Items

Leslie Cohen stated that members who have items to be placed on the agenda should contact Larry Clausen or to have the topics included.

The next meeting was set for June 2, 2010 at 11:00 am.

H. Call to the Public

No public members present.

I. Adjournment

A motion was made by Charles Ryan to adjourn the meeting. Monica Cooper seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 2:43 PM.

Dated the 14th of May, 2010
Developmental Disabilities Planning Council